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1 San Francisco, California

2 Thursday, December 21, 2023

3 9:34 a.m.

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5 P R O C E E D I N G S

6 THE VIDEO OPERATOR: Good morning. We are  
7 going on the record at 9:34 a.m. on December 21st,  
8 2023.

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10 sensitive and may pick up whispering and private 09:34:16  
11 conversations. Please mute your phones at this  
12 time. Audio- and video-recording will continue to  
13 take place unless all parties agree to go off the  
14 record.

15 This is Media Unit 1 of the video-recorded 09:34:27  
16 deposition of Blake Lemoine, taken by counsel for  
17 defendant, in the matter of Chasom Brown, et al.,  
18 versus Google LLC, filed in the United States  
19 District Court, Northern District of California,  
20 Oakland Division, Case No. 4:20-cv-03664-YGR-SVK. 09:34:46

21 The location of the deposition is  
22 44 Montgomery Street, 41st Floor, San Francisco,  
23 California 94104.

24 My name is Reilly Leet, representing  
25 Veritext Legal Solutions, and I'm the videographer. 09:35:13

1 The court reporter is Carla Soares from the firm 09:35:16  
2 Veritext Legal Solutions.

3 I am not related to any party in this  
4 action, nor am I financially interested in the  
5 outcome. 09:35:25

6 Counsel and all present, including  
7 remotely, will now state their appearances and  
8 affiliations for the record, beginning with the  
9 noticing attorney.

10 MR. SCHAPIRO: I'm Andrew Schapiro, from 09:35:34  
11 the law firm Quinn Emanuel, for Google. With me is  
12 my colleague Yusef Al- --

13 MR. AL-JARANI: -Jarani.

14 MR. SCHAPIRO: -- -Jarani.

15 MR. LEE: Good morning. James Lee, Boies 09:35:44  
16 Schiller Flexner, for the plaintiffs. With me is  
17 Josh Stein and Mark Mao, also from Boies Schiller.  
18 We also have Logan Wright, Ryan Sila, and Ryan McGee  
19 for the plaintiffs.

20 THE VIDEO OPERATOR: Thank you. 09:36:19

21 Will the court reporter please swear in  
22 the witness, and then counsel may proceed.

23 BLAKE LEMOINE,  
24 having been administered an oath, was examined and  
25 testified as follows: 09:36:23

1                   The -- this is a well-known -- this is                   14:53:00  
2                   actually a well-known property of machine learning  
3                   system called "transfer learning." And it happens  
4                   to have negative consequences in the privacy space.

5                   But usually it's a strength of these systems.                   14:53:17

6                   Q     If Google were to say that it never  
7                   reidentifies people and devices when they are in  
8                   private browsing mode, would that be true or false?

9                   A     That would be false.

10                  Q     Could Google's AI also join a person's                   14:53:31  
11                   incognito or private browsing history with their  
12                   normal Chrome account?

13                  A     Given a sufficiently powerful AI, yes.  
14                  And again, the kinds of AI being used in 2018 were  
15                  such models, but I do not know what the current                   14:53:51  
16                  implementation is.

17                  Q     And how would Google's AI do that?

18                  A     So it will build a representation of kinds  
19                  of users. That is the general way in which these  
20                  user modeling systems work, is they create                   14:54:08  
21                  conceptual categories of similar users who have  
22                  similar behavior patterns.

23                  The identifier which unifies a single  
24                  person's behavior is usually the GAIA ID. But in  
25                  the case of non-personal logs, it will be something                   14:54:26

1 like the Zwieback ID or something else which is a 14:54:28  
 2 hash of other things. And that's the attempt to  
 3 anonymize it as well as removing certain kinds of  
 4 data.

5 However, since these AI are inherently, by 14:54:39  
 6 design, trying to identify groups of users, in the  
 7 Zwieback logs, even though an individual user's ID  
 8 changes every day, the AI just discovers a group of  
 9 users across multiple days who happen to behave the  
 10 same way. 14:55:07

11 And then it learns that category of users  
 12 that, in the implementation, seems to the AI as if  
 13 it's 100 different people on 100 different days.  
 14 The specific numbers of days is going to depend on  
 15 the current implementation of the wipeout window. 14:55:24

16 But then it's like, "A-ha. I have this  
 17 category of these type of people."

18 And when you actually boil it down, that  
 19 actual group of people is just Julie. It's just  
 20 Julie. 14:55:39

21 Q And are you confident that Google's AI  
 22 actually does join a person's incognito or private  
 23 browsing history with their normal Chrome account?

24 A For some people, sometimes yes,  
 25 definitely. 14:55:57

1 Q If Google were to say that it never joins 14:55:58  
2 anyone's incognito or private browsing history with  
3 their normal Chrome account, would that be true or  
4 false?

5 A That would be false. They never do it 14:56:06  
6 intentionally, to my knowledge, but they do it every  
7 day.

8 MR. LEE: Can we mark the next exhibit? I  
9 believe it's Exhibit 25. It will be Tab 7.

10 (Exhibit 25 was marked for identification 14:56:28  
11 and is attached hereto.)

12 THE WITNESS: Is this the third copy of  
13 this, now?

14 BY MR. LEE:

15 Q Have we already looked at it before? 14:57:04

16 A I don't know. I don't remember.

17 Q I don't either.

18 A Yes, there are two other copies of this.

19 But this is No. 25.

20 MR. LEE: And, Logan, you don't need to 14:57:16  
21 share screen since everyone has the physical.

22 MR. WRIGHT: Got it. It's introduced.

23 MR. LEE: Thanks.

24 Q All right. Is this the report that you  
25 prepared based, in part, on the experiments that 14:57:28

1 with Bishop Umbers, in the Archdiocese of Sydney, on 15:23:15  
2 the topic of artificial intelligence and the  
3 Catholic church and how those two intersect.

4 And recently, the Pope published his  
5 New Year sermon on artificial intelligence and 15:23:28  
6 peace. And it was heavily influenced by the topic  
7 that we've been discussing for that year.

8 Q Whether people agree with you or not, do  
9 your beliefs about how society should regulate or  
10 protect AI as a philosophical or legal matter have 15:23:50  
11 anything to do with your knowledge and understanding  
12 of how Google's AI uses private browsing data  
13 without users' knowledge or permission?

14 A No. The two are completely disconnected.  
15 One is a simple technical explanation of what 15:24:06  
16 happens with what probability, and then the other  
17 is, "These are my opinions as a human."

18 Q Google's lawyer spent some time today  
19 discussing the reason you were fired from Google;  
20 and specifically, the basis that was discussed was 15:24:33  
21 the leaking of information about LaMDA.

22 Do you remember that?

23 A Yes, I do.

24 Q Can you explain why you were willing to go  
25 public with your concerns about Google's development 15:24:47

1 of LaMDA even if that meant that you could get 15:24:51  
2 fired?

3 A Primarily because this technology is going  
4 to change the entire world. Not just the lives of  
5 the people who make it and use it, but everyday 15:25:00  
6 people just going about their lives.

7 And Google wanted to ensure that they got  
8 the kinds of regulations they wanted for the  
9 technology before allowing the public to know that  
10 it existed. 15:25:17

11 Q Now, whether anybody agrees or disagrees  
12 with your decision to go public about Google's  
13 development of LaMDA, did that decision have -- did  
14 you getting fired or you sharing information to the  
15 public about LaMDA in any way impact your knowledge 15:25:36  
16 and understanding of how Google's AI uses private  
17 browsing data without users' knowledge or  
18 permission?

19 A I mean, I no longer have access to  
20 Google's code, so I have less information. But I 15:25:52  
21 think in the sense that you meant the question, the  
22 answer is no.

23 Q Let's just be very direct.

24 Does Google's AI, algorithms, or machine  
25 learning use private browsing data? 15:26:09

1 A Yes. 15:26:11

2 Q Does Google's AI, algorithms, or machine

3 learning reidentify users when they're in private

4 browsing mode?

5 A Yes. 15:26:17

6 Q Does Google's AI, algorithms, or machine

7 learning join a user's private browsing histories

8 with their normal Chrome account on the aggregate

9 level?

10 A Yes. 15:26:28

11 Q To your knowledge, has Google ever

12 disclosed any of this to the public?

13 A They have not.

14 Q Mr. Lemoine, do users actually have a

15 choice to keep any of their private browsing from 15:26:38

16 Google?

17 A A sentence that I heard frequently is,

18 "Look, their real choice is they can use our product

19 or they can go and be Amish."

20 Q By that, do you mean -- well, strike that. 15:26:52

21 Is Google's position that if you don't

22 want Google to collect your information, the only

23 way to do that is to not use the internet?

24 A I think the easiest way to answer that is

25 to point out an anecdote that gets repeated every 15:27:12

1 time these discussions happen at Google. 15:27:16

2 And that's a person -- someone's  
3 grandma -- it's always someone's grandma -- trying  
4 to use Google Maps navigation with "Location  
5 Tracking" turned off. 15:27:29

6 And there's these bug reports of people  
7 who turn off "Location Tracking" who still expect  
8 directions to work. And these people who do not  
9 understand Google's privacy settings or the way that  
10 they impact actual behavior in the app are actively 15:27:44  
11 mocked.

12 Things like, "Well, these are the idiots  
13 that we're having to design these policies for, so  
14 what does it even matter? They obviously don't know  
15 how the apps actually work. So let's just give them 15:27:57  
16 what they actually want and ignore what they are  
17 asking for with respect to privacy."

18 To give another example, there will be  
19 people who have location sharing turned off who will  
20 search for "pizza parlors near me." And in those 15:28:12  
21 instances, Google will attempt to connect their  
22 device back to their location in order to serve them  
23 search results related to "pizza parlors near me."

24 In general, Google believes that its users  
25 are incompetent to make decisions related to privacy 15:28:33

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